(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) and (b) In pursuance of the recommendations made at the 29th Session of the Indian Labour Conference held on April 21 and 22, 1990, a bipartite committee comprising representatives of central trade union and employers' organisations has been constituted to formulate specific proposals for a new Industrial Relations law and submit its report to the Government. The Committee is expected to consider, among others, the question of reduction of multiplicity of trade unions.

Loss to NCCF on purchase of Moong whole

*251. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to sate:

(a) whether the Akola Depot of NCCF has made purchases of Moong whole worth Rs. 5 Crores during July to December, 1988 under instructions of the then Regional Manager (West);

(b) whether those purchases were made without specific indents and at a higher rate than that in the regulated market and without calling for tenders;

(c) whether it is a fact that Moong whole worth about Rs. 1.50 Crores is lying undisposed so far resulting in a loss of over Rs. 20 lakhs, due to higher purchase cost and in inferior quality; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken against the then Regional Manager making these indiscriminate purchases (West) and Depot Incharge Akola for sub-standard quality Moong whole at exorbitant rates?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA): (a) NCCF have reported that moong whole worth about Rs. 4.20 crores was purchased by its Akola Depot during the period from July 1988 to February 1989.

(b) The purchases were made through auctions from the regulated market and through negotiations from the Co-operative Societies and from others in anticipation of indents from Civil Supplies Corporations and other organisations.

(c) As on 30th April 1990 moong worth about Rs. 25 lakhs is lying unsold. Total loss can be ascertained only after the disposal of entire stock.

(d) The investigations into the matter are in progress. Final action would be taken after findings are available. Meanwhile, the then Depot Incharge, Akola has been placed under suspension.

*252. [Transfered to the 24th, May 1990.]

Installation of Statutes of Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru and Indira Gandhi in Delhi

*253. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any final decision has been taken to instal the statues of Mahatma Gandhi, Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru and Shrimati Indira Gandhi in New Delhi;

(b) if so, the sites selected for the purpose;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) While decisions have been taken to instal the statues of Mahatma Gandhi in 1968, Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru in 1983 and Shrimati Indira Mandhi in 1984, the selection of sites is still under consideration.

(c) and (d) Final decision about the sites can be taken only after considering adequately the aesthetic, design and other relevant aspects in this regard.

Levy on sugar

*254. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to impose a levy on sugar to prevent its rising price;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA) (a) to (c) Under the present policy of partial control, a specified quantity of sugar production is already taken as levy for distribution to consumers through Public Distribution System etc. and the balance is released as freesale sugar for sale in the open market. The ratio of levy and freesale

sugar in the current sugar season 1989-90 is 45 : 55. The levy sugar is supplied to consumers all over the country at the uniform retail price of Rs. 5.25 per kg.

Dairy Development in the Co-operative Sector

*255. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had undertaken any new projects and encouraged a new Dairy Movement in the Co-operative sector for Dairy Development during the last three years;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) if the reply to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what new steps are proposed by Government to start a new Dairy Development movement for optimum milk production?

THE DY. PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) and (b) Operation Flood (OF), an integrated dairy development programme along cooperative lines was launched in 1970. Currently, Phase-III of OF is under implementation (1987-94) with financial assistance from World Bank and commodity assistance from the European Economic Community. The Programme currently covers about 71 lakh farm families in 174 milksheds. A Technology Mission on Dairy Development has been launched in 1988 for building further on the growth achieved through OF programmes for raising overall dairy productivity through application of relevant technologies and for expanding the dairy cooperative sector.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) In view of answer to part (a) & (b) above, no other new initiative incorporating a new dairy development movement directed towards optimising milk production is being currently contemplated.

Project on Brackish Water Prawn Farming and Hatchery in Orissa

*256. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Orissa have submitted a project on Brackish Water Prawn Farming and Hatchery for seeking the assistance of the external funding agencies;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE DY. PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) to (c) At the instance of the Government of India, the Government of Orissa submitted a project proposal for development of brackish water prawn farming and establishment of a prawn hatchery in Orissa, during 1988 for seeking Japanese assistance. The proposal was approved by the Government and posed to the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF) of Government of Japan, during 1988 for funding in 1989-90. Government of Japan, however, did not consider the proposal for funding in 1989-90. An OECF Appraisal Mission which visited India during April, 1989 suggested certain modifications to the proposal.

The Government of Orissa Submitted a revised project proposal with increased scope during September, 1989. The revised project envisages (i) development of two modern pilot prawn farms at Keutakudi in Puri district (50 ha) and Karannjmal in Balasore district (100 ha); (ii) establishment of a modern prawn seed hatchery with a capacity of production of 100 million tiger prawn seed per annum and (iii) setting up of a modern prawn feed plant for production of about 6,000 tonnes of prawn feed per annum, at a total estimated project cost of Rs. 1768.04 lakh.

The revised proposal has already been posed through the Department of Economic Affairs, Government of India to the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF) of Government of Japan for loan assistance.

भारतीय खाद्य निगम द्वारा किया गया व्यय

*257 डा० जिनेन्द्र कुमार जैन
श्री राम जेठमलानी :

क्या खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारतीय खाद्य निगम द्वारा खाद्यान्नों के भंडारण उनके परिवहन और प्रशासनिक कार्य पर किए जाने वाले व्यय में पिछले तीन वर्षों से लगातार वृद्धि होती जा रही है;